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Applicants will be required to produce
Passports or identification papers. All
persons, with certain exceptions, who
remain in the Colony for more than
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Hongkong, April 1, 1912.

WONG PING WA, Manager.

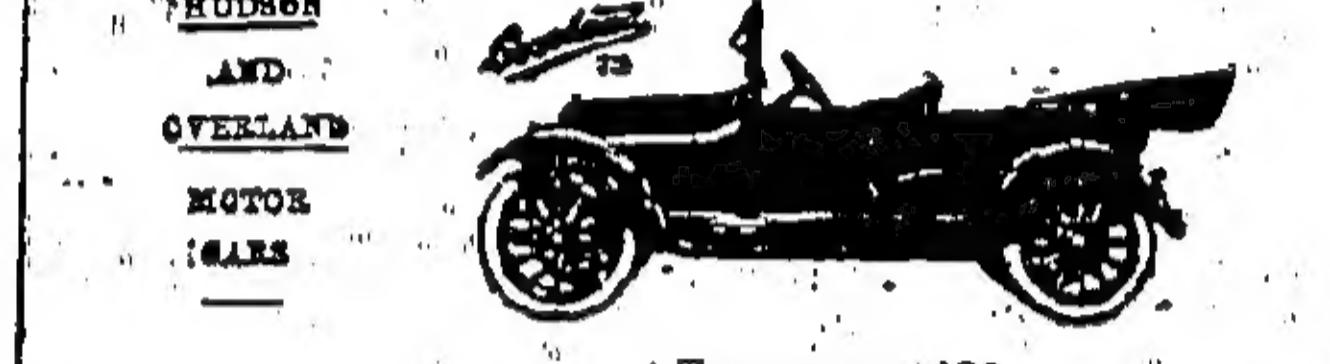
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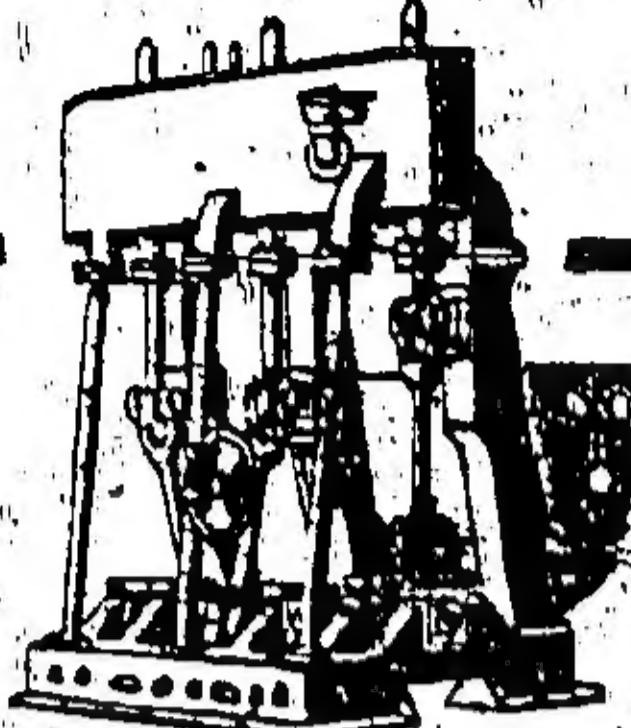
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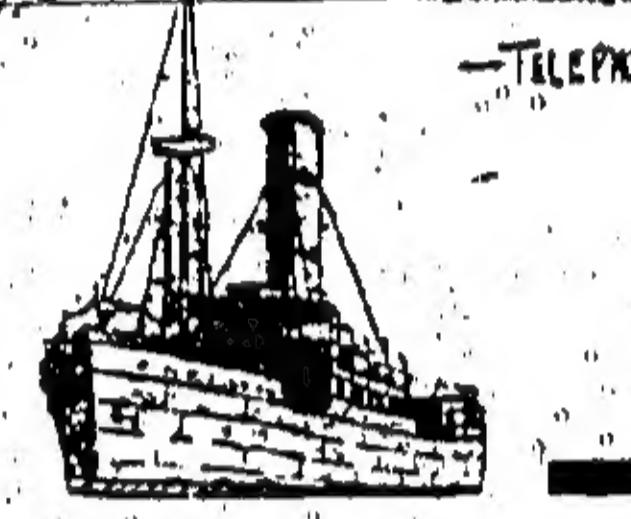
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TELEGRAM: VICTORY MODERATE
Combination box.

Storehouses at Hainan containing
20,000 kilogrammes of dried beans
and other foodstuffs belonging to the Belgo
American Relief Committee, have been
destroyed by fire.

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AMSTERDAM, March 7.

The Telegraph states that the Germans

have ordered a complete stoppage of

Belgian industries, practically unemploying

the whole population, alleging the

inefficiency of coal and transport.

The *New York Times* says the reason

is that in its appearance in England the most

explosive of the German mind

during the whole of the war.

The *Times* says that Austria has

been given the opportunity to choose

between Prussianism and democracy,

and she has chosen Prussianism. Therefore

relations must be immediately broken off.

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MESOPOTAMIA.

CAVALRY ENGAGE TURKS NEAR CTESIPHON.

EIGHTY MILES OF COUNTRY
STREWN WITH BOOTY.

LONDON, March 7.

An official report from Mesopotamia

states—

Cavalry engaged the Turkish rear-

guards off the 27th inst. at Lajj, near

Ctesiphon.

Heavy booty is strewn over eighty

five miles of country. It is impossible

yet to give an accurate return of the

captures. Thirty-eight guns up to the

present have been salvaged from the

river.

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
NOTICEON and after 12th March, 1917, the
HOURS for the transaction of
business by the Hongkong Savings Bank
will be 10 A.M. to 12 Noon, Saturdays
included.For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, March 4, 1917.THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company will
be held at St. George's Buildings,
Charter Road, Victoria on SATURDAY
the 10th March, 1917 at 11.30 o'clock in
the forenoon for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the Report
of the General Manager for the year
ending 31st December, 1916 and electing
a Consulting Committee and Auditors.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
MONDAY, the 5th March, 1917 until
SATURDAY, the 10th March, 1917,
both days inclusive.SHEWAN, TOME & CO.
General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1917.

1914

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be
held at the Offices of the Company,
St. George's Buildings, Charter Road,
Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the
27th day of March, 1917 at 11.30 A.M.
for the purpose of receiving a Statement
of Accounts and the Report of the
Directors for the year ending 31st
December, 1916, and declaring a
Dividend.By Order of
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
Hongkong, March 6, 1917.

1915

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY,
31st March, 1917, both days inclusive.
The return of Capital of \$2.50 per
share will be paid to Shareholders on
and after the 15th March, 1917, on
presentation of Share Certificates for
endorsement.By Order of
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917.

1913

COLUMBIA
RECORDS.Australia will be there. Burtons
The Land of Craze and Thrill.584 (Galway by the Sea) Soprano
Let me dream again571 (Tommy-Lad) Bass
I love, could only tell thee587 (Show me the way to) Bass
A little bit of Heaven QuantitativeTHE ANDERSON
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1912

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

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INTIMATIONS

KINGSCLEARE DANCE.

THE DANCE which was to have
taken place on SATURDAY next,
March 10th, has been POSTPONED
until the following SATURDAY,
March 17th.

Hongkong, March 7, 1917.

1916

NOTICE.

A MEETING will be held on
MONDAY Next the 12th inst.
at 5.30 P.M. in the CITY HALL to
consider the best method of celebrating
"ST. GEORGE'S DAY" with a view
to raising further funds for British War
Charities. All interested are earnestly
invited to attend.

Hongkong, March 6, 1917.

1914

NOTICE.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS beg to
intimate to Shippers that, in view
of the needs of Mainland Europe and the
necessity for utilizing three routes,
BILLS and all relative documents sent
for negotiation must be drawn in
TRIPPLICATE instead of in duplicate
as heretofore.

Hongkong, March 3, 1917.

1918

H. K. POLICE (REERVE).

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MEETING
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Lamont, Headquarters' Club, H.K.P.R.
Hongkong, Feb. 19, 1917.

1910

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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1907

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Hongkong, March 5, 1917. 1553

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SATURDAY,

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Hongkong, March 3, 1917. 1550

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Hongkong, March 7, 1917. 1568

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There are still some people who imagine that Rheumatism can be cured by embrocations and outward applications, overlooking the fact that the trouble is rooted in the blood. It follows, therefore, that it can be treated successfully only by cleansing and enriching the blood, by which method the poisonous acids of Rheumatism are driven out of the system.

There is just this one way to really cure Rheumatism—through the blood; and because Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act promptly by purifying impure, weak blood and making new, good blood, they have cured a great number of cases of Rheumatism in this country, including many that had defied all previous treatment.

Lumbago is a very painful form of muscular rheumatism, affecting the muscles of the back and joints that has also yielded in countless cases to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills; and in Sciatica that sudden, piercing agony that shoots down the thighs and legs—these Pills have been equally successful in giving freedom from torture.

You cannot afford to waste time and money on useless, external treatments. Start to-day on the blood-cure for Rheumatism, that is, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and so drive the disease out of your system. All dealers sell them; or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 98 Szechuan Road, Shanghai. I bottle \$1.50, 8 bottles \$8/-, post free.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned),

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FRIDAY,

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11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
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Indian and Persian Rugs of various
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Twill Sheets (large and small size),
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A DYNASTIC ACCIDENT WHICH SAVED
FREDERICK.

Peter III.'s senseless idolatry of Frederick had sufficed to draw Berlin and Prussia of the Russian army of occupation, and even to secure the assistance of a Russian army in the now solitary war with an unsupported Austria. Might not alternate threats, evasions, Mackensen phalanxes, bribery and territorial plus commercial concessions at the expense of Austria and Turkey serve a similar turn now?

Hindenburg and the Wilhelmstrasse have laboured along these lines for two years now with a perseverance born of increasing desperation, but without any success, until at last it became evident that 1762 was not to be repeated. All that remained, therefore, was 1802.

Then the first coalition against the French Republic had gone to pieces.

Prussia, as usual, had been the first to desert, as she had been the first to attack.

Austria, Rome, Genoa, Venice, Naples,

Piedmont, and the Swiss Republic had

been compelled to sue for peace at Campo Formio. Holland had been virtually incorporated with France, and Spain had been compelled to become a subservient ally.

Still Pitt persevered, and in 1790

succeeded in organising a second coalition of England, Austria and Russia, whose

prospects appeared to be of the brightest;

but when Napoleon returned from Egypt

and was elevated to the Consulship, Austria was quickly crushed and forced

to peace at Lunéville. Pitt was driven

from power and his successor, Addington,

espoused into the Peace of Amiens, when

France was on the very verge of exhaust-

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To-day's Advertisements

NOTICE.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY having been asked to assist in a FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT on SATURDAY night next 10th March to those members of the Hongkong Community who are leaving for the Front, have kindly agreed to do so.

For this reason the PRODUCTION advertised for that night, "The Big Boys Are Here", is CANCELLED. Those holding tickets for this performance can either have their money returned or exchange their tickets for any other of the advertised nights.

Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1550

FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT TO THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER' CONTINGENT.

THIS has now been definitely arranged for SATURDAY, 10th March. The dinner will be held at the Hongkong Hotel at 7.30 P.M. The Variety Entertainment will be given in the Theatre Royal commencing at 9.30 P.M. by arrangement with the Bandmann Opera Company who have kindly consented to assist in the programme.

It is impossible to accommodate at the dinner all those who desire to be hosts, and it has therefore been arranged that the chairs shall rest with the guests, who have each been asked to name one. The chosen hosts will be notified by letter. The remaining hosts will receive their guests in the theatre, tickets of admission thereto will be sent. Seats of accommodation at tables will be arranged in the stalls. Smoking will be permitted. The programme will be announced later. Those who have not already signed the lists circulated and who wish to be hosts are requested to send their names to the Hon. Secretary, Farewell Entertainment, c/o Hongkong, Contingent.

If by any mischance any members of the Community who are leaving for the front have not received their invitation will kindly communicate with the Hon. Secretary as above.

Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1551

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Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1553

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THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

12.30 a.m.—Full Moon.

11.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's.

H.K.H. Society's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 10.—10.30 a.m.—Auction of Dress Materials, Hats, Perfumery etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co.'s Meeting.

Dinner and Entertainment to H.K. Volunteer Contingent.

MONDAY, March 12.—8.15 p.m.—"St. George's Day" Meeting in City Hall.

FRIDAY, March 16.—11 a.m.—Auction of Rugs, Sheets, Sweater Cost, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day.

Dance at "King's Club".

TUESDAY, March 21.—11.30 a.m.—Green Island Cement Co's Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, March 22.—Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

each State the victorious side alone is represented in the Electoral College, though it may have a majority of only a few votes. That is why one hears so much of the importance of carrying this or that State, in which the result is considered doubtful, for in the State of New York, for instance, if the Democrats won by only 500 votes, it would mean that all the 43 votes of the State in the Electoral College—consisting of 531 electors—would be given for Dr. WILSON. The Electoral College meets and votes on the second Monday in January, following the State elections and the result of the Presidential election is finally announced in the House of Representatives in February. The new President does not assume office until March 4. President WILSON enters on his second term of office with a tremendously increased weight of responsibility resting upon his shoulders, but with a clear and firm conviction of the duty which rests upon his Government to uphold the dignity and maintain the rights of the United States "against the contemptuous disregard unblushingly shown by the German Government for public law. It has taken the President a long time to reach the stage of his present viewpoint of the situation. "We stand firm in armed neutrality; we may even be drawn on by circumstances to a more immediate association in the great struggle itself." It is clear that in this matter President WILSON has not so much led as followed public opinion, and in taking up the very strong attitude he has done towards the handful of obstructionists in the Senate he has the knowledge that the overwhelming sense of public opinion in the United States is at his back."

At the last meeting of the Legislative Council H. E. THE GOVERNOR mentioned that special facilities had been given to the Civil Servants of the Colony for supporting the War Loan, the Government taking up the amounts they required and the Civil Servants repaying the Government by monthly instalments. There were many people in the Colony, we believe, who envied the Civil Servants their special advantages in this connection. We see that in some other Colonies the Governments offered such facilities to the public generally. For instance, we see in the newspapers of Colombo an official advertisement on the subject which begins: "The Government of Ceylon desires to give the people of the Island an opportunity of supporting the War Loan by affording them conveniences for payment." And the advertisement sets forth that in order to provide for the case of those who are not prepared to pay £47 10s. (the price of £50 of stock) in one sum, the Government of Ceylon will make application for the loan on their behalf and will accept payment by ten monthly instalments. "Thus if any one desires to obtain £50 worth of stock, he can do so by paying to the Colonial Treasurer a sum of Rs. 71.25 monthly for ten months. Should, however, one or more instalments not be paid at due date, viz., on or before the last day of each month, instalments already paid will be liable to forfeiture." Employers were invited to assist the Government in this matter by allowing their employees to arrange to have the instalments paid by deduction from their salaries in the same way that Government servants were able to arrange with the Colonial Treasurer. If this was possible in Ceylon, why not in Hongkong also?

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT.

President WILSON began his new term of office on the 4th instant. Many people who are not Americans have very hazy notions regarding the process of electing the President. Each State of the Union chooses Presidential Electors equal in number to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State is entitled in Congress, and the day of the popular ballot for the choice of the members of the Electoral College must be uniform throughout the country—the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Then the President is chosen not according to the strength of parties as disclosed in the national poll, but according to the results in separate States. In the case o

THE HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW.

Flowers and sunshine are usually associated with one another in our minds, and although the early morning skies were somewhat clouded, yet when the time came to admit the public to the Botanical Gardens this afternoon, the weather conditions fully justified the smile.

The Judges must have experienced considerable difficulty in arriving at their decisions: the entries in practical all classes being numerous and the exhibits all very fine specimens of their particular varieties.

In Section 1, Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Ho Kom Tong were particularly successful. Special mention must also be made of the groups of flowering and foliage plants exhibited by these two gentlemen.

Considering the dry season the display of vegetables was excellent, particularly the tomatoes, of which there were some very fine specimens. We must also mention the beautiful pots of Liriope kindly lent by Mr. Ho Kom Tong for decorative purposes.

The Judges were: For Peak Exhibits of Pot Plants and also for Open Pot Plants, Mr. Leeks and Mr. Nicholson; Cut Flowers (Peak and Open), Mrs. Newall and Mr. H. Green; Vegetables, Mr. Tucher and Commander Beckwith; Table Decorations, all the Judges.

The Officials are: President, Mr. H. W. Looker; Secretary, Mr. A. Nicol; Treasurer, Mr. Leeks. The Committee consists of Mrs. Stabb, Mrs. Newall, Mrs. Taylor, Chu Pau Sien, Commander Beckwith, Mr. J. S. Hurston.

The Band of 18th Infantry was in attendance.

The winners of the Challenge Cups were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mrs. A. H. Skelton, Mr. A. Nicol and Mr. C. D. Wilkinson.

H.E. The Governor and Lady May visited the Show shortly after 4 o'clock. Lady May had kindly consented to distribute the prizes at 5 o'clock.

SECTION 1.

PLANTS IN POTS—OPEN TO ALL WHO DO NOT EMPLOY A GARDENER.

*52.—3 pots of Annuals or Plants raised from seed the same season.—No exhibits.

*53.—3 pots of Flowering plants, other than annuals.—No exhibits.

*54.—3 pots of Ferns.—No exhibits.

SECTION 2.

VEGETABLES, &c.—OPEN TO ALL EXCEPT PEAK GARDENS AND CHINESE MARKET GARDENERS.

*55.—Collection of vegetables, (not less than six varieties). These must be staged in a box not larger than 4 ft. x 4 ft. x 3 inches deep.—1st, prize, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

Plants in Pots—Open to all except Peak Gardens and Chinese Market Gardeners.

*56.—3 pots of Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens).—1st, prize, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2nd, prize, Mr. H. E. Anton.

*57.—3 pods of Nasturtium (Tall varieties).—1st, Dr. Forsyth; 2nd, Sir Paul Chater.

*58.—3 pots of Salvia.—1st, Sir Paul Chater; 2nd, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

*59.—4 pots of Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season.—1st, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2nd, Dr. Forsyth.

*60.—3 pots of Flowering plants other than annuals.—1st, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2nd, Sir Paul Chater.

*61.—3 pots of Asterium.—1st, Sir Paul Chater; 2nd, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

*62.—3 pots of Arums.—1st, Mr. E. J. Chapman; 2nd, Sir Paul Chater.

*63.—3 pots of Begonia (semiperennials).—1st, Sir Paul Chater; 2nd, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

*64.—3 pots of Carnations and/or Pincées.—1st, Sir Paul Chater; 2nd, Mr. C. E. Anton.

*65.—3 pots of French Marigolds (Calendula officinalis).—1st, Mr. C. D. Wilkinson; 2nd, Sir Paul Chater.

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*68.—25 pods of Peas.—1st, Lady Ho Tung; 2nd, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

*69.—12 Potatoes.—1st, Lady Ho Tung; 2nd, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

*70.—25 Dahlias, other than Cactus.—1st, Sir Paul Chater; 2nd, Lady Ho Tung.

*71.—4 Savoy Cabbages.—1st, Lady Ho Tung; 2nd, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton.

*72.—23 Brussels Sprouts.—1st, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2nd, Sir Paul Chater.

*73.—3 heads of Celery.—1st, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2nd, Sir Paul Chater.

*74.—3 Leeks.—1st, Lady Ho Tung; 2nd, Mr. A. Nicol.

*75.—6 Lettuces (cabbage varieties).—1st, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2nd, Mr. C. E. Anton.

*76.—6 Lettuces (cole varieties).—1st, Mr. A. Nicol; 2nd, Sir Paul Chater.

*77.—12 Onions.—1st, Lady Ho Tung; 2nd, Mr. A. Nicol.

*78.—12 Turnips.—1st, Sir Paul Chater (one prize only).

*79.—3 Vegetable Marrows.—1st, Mr. A. Nicol (one prize only).

*80.—6 Lettuces (cole varieties).—1st, Sir Paul Chater; 2nd, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton.

*81.—4 Cabbages.—1st, Sir Robert Ho Tung; 2nd, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton.

*82.—4 Carrots.—1st, Mr. E. G. Hale; 2nd, Mr. A. Nicol.

*83.—4 Heads of Celery.—1st, Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2nd, Sir Paul Chater.

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THE POLITICAL CRISIS
IN CHINA.PRESIDENT ACQUIESCES IN
CABINET'S DECISION.PREMIER RETURNS TO THE
CAPITAL.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 7.

The President addressed a "letter to the Premier in Tientsin" notifying his compliance with the three demands viz:

1.—The President to give his support to the Cabinet's decision on the Sino-German question.

2.—The President to sign any mandate that is presented to him by the Cabinet.

3.—The President not to interfere with the Cabinet sending telegrams to foreign countries and the provinces.

Upon the President's agreement to the above demands the Premier returned to Peking last night at 10.30, along with the Vice-President, and will see the President this morning.

Thus the crisis is ended.

The Vice-President went to Tientsin in the morning and returned with the Premier in the evening.

Although the Premier has returned it is not known whether he will resume office or not.

All the provincial authorities have wired to Peking advocating the Premier's resumption of office, adding that even if the Cabinet's foreign policy should be reconsidered the Cabinet should not be taken and not even re-organisation is advisable at the present time.

Believing that the Premier would not return, the whole of the ministers in the Cabinet interviewed the President on Tuesday and handed in their resignations, but promised to stand to affairs temporarily, until successors were appointed.

All the papers attack the Premier for his illegal and unconstitutional conduct in overruling the President's authority, as provided by Article 35 in the Provisional Constitution.

It is reported that certain members in both Houses who are opposed to Tuan Kai Sui's party propose to introduce a bill impeaching Tuan Kai Sui on the ground that the Premier being the head of the Central Administration should not suddenly abandon his post, merely on account of difference of personal opinion. The proposal, however, is supported by but few members.

The President after receiving the American Minister yesterday, gave instructions that notice should be sent to the Diplomatic Corps that China's foreign policy will not be modified by the Premier's going to Tientsin. Telegrams to the same effect have been sent to the Chinese Ministers abroad by the Foreign Department.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

THE BRITISH ADVANCE IN
FRANCE.

FURTHER PROGRESS.

LONDON, March 7.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports—

We made further progress to the north-west of Isles and north of Puisieux au Mont. We raided the trenches to the east of Bouchavesnes. Later, the artillery dispersed the enemy massing for a counter-attack on the trenches recently captured there.

THE OPERATIONS ON THE FRENCH
FRONT.

A French communiqué says:—Between the Oise and the Aisne our destructive fire wrecked enemy organisations north-west of Moulin-sous-Ouvert.

We demolished casemates and dug-outs north of Autreches.

There were violent artillery actions north of the Meuse along the Chambrettes and Bezonvres front, but no infantry actions.

THE GERMAN REPORT.

A Berlin official message says:—There has been a very violent artillery action on the right bank of the Somme. We repulsed a British attack to the east of Bouchavesnes.

We also repulsed a Russian attack south of Breszy and in the southern part of the Wooded Carpathians.

ENEMY ATTACKS DRIVEN OFF BY
ITALIANS.

LONDON, March 6.

An Italian official message states:—We repulsed repeated attacks at Costabola, capturing one gun. We drove off with heavy losses renewed attacks to the south-east of Vertoia and the Julian front.

RUSSIANS PURSUING TURKS IN
THE CAUCASUS.

London, March 6.

A official message transmitted by wireless states:—In the Caucasus we are pursuing the Turks who are withdrawing to Bidjarmanno. We occupied the villages of Huseinabad and Charak. We attacked the summit of asada in the direction of Hamadan to the south east of Abzal Lake, pursuing the Turks towards Dovletabad. One of our ships bombed Barauviche.

THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST
LLOYD GEORGE.A GANG OF DANGEROUS
REVOLUTIONARIES.

London, March 6.

The trial of the alleged conspirators against Mr. Lloyd George, mentioned on January 31, has opened at the Old Bailey before Mr. Justice Low, Mr. Rita, a Mahomedan barrister, defending.

The Attorney-General (Sir F. E. Smith) prosecuting, suggested that the attitude of mind and conduct of the prisoners was due to an unreasoning, inveterate hatred of Great Britain, and to a profound dislike of compulsion and other measures for the defence of the country and of hatred towards States whose duty it had been to recommend the adoption of such measures.

He maintained that the prisoners were a gang of dangerous revolutionaries, and the State would be looking in its duty if it had failed to get into touch with such persons, by means of its secret agents.

THE ARMED NEUTRALITY BILL.

UNITED STATES SENATE RULES
TO BE AMENDED.

WASHINGTON, March 7.

In the Senate Mr. Lodge introduced the Armed Neutrality Bill at an Extra Session, but the Chairman ruled it out on the ground that Congress was not in Session. Notice was given of intention to amend the rules.

It is proposed to hold a Senatorial Conference of the opposing parties to discuss measures for the prevention of "unlimited debates."

THE S.S. APPAM BRITISH-OWNED.

WASHINGTON, March 7.

The Supreme Court has finally confirmed British ownership of the S.S. Appam, which was "kidnapped" last year.

AN ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY.

INDIAN CONSTABLE SHOT.

Li Kit, a shopkeeper at No. 7 Argyle Street, has reported to the Police that about 10.15 p.m. yesterday he was seated in his shop and heard a knock on the door. He asked what was wanted and an unknown person answered, "milk seeds." The com-

plainant opened the door and a man entered the shop. He was followed by four or five other men armed with revolvers. One of the men pointed a revolver at the complainant's head and threatened to shoot him if he raised an alarm. The complainant seized the revolver and another man stabbed him in the head with a knife. He managed, however, to secure a police whistle, which he sounded. The alarm frightened the would-be robbers, and they rushed out of the shop and ran along Canton Road toward Yau Ma Tei. The complainant pursued them for a short distance and then gave up the chase. Returning to his shop he found that nothing had been stolen.

Meanwhile, an Indian constable, (No. 324), named Lall Singh, whilst returning home from duty, caught and arrested one of the fugitives. The man drew a revolver, shot the constable in the left side of the body, below the heart, and succeeded in escaping.

The Indian policeman, who is married and resides at Mong Kok, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he is reported to be on the point of death.

The case was adjourned.

BRITISH LABOUR AND THE WAR.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH.

At the Manchester Labour Conference on January 24th Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., moved, on behalf of the Labour executive, a resolution demanding the conscription of wealth, and a resolution against fiscal taxes as unjust and suggesting a graded taxation on the unearned income up to 15s. in the £, as well as the revision of land taxation and the nationalisation of banks. He said the war will leave us in debt 4,000 millions, which means £200,000,000 annually.

The resolution was carried.

A resolution demanding adult suffrage and also the safeguarding of the position of women after the war was adopted.

Strong efforts were made by the Independent Labour Party to secure the calling of an International Socialist Congress simultaneously with a Peace Congress. Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., moved an amendment, demanding that the Socialist Trade Union Congress should be confined to the Allied Powers. Other members pointed out the impossibility of Belgian, Serbian, and French meeting Bulgar-German Socialists. The conference would be the most dreadful bearing the world had ever seen.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald asked if the conference was willing to trust the Bandman Company and man power.

Mr. Thorne's amendment was carried by 1,028 to 404,000.

A resolution in favour of immediate peace was rejected by 1,697,000 votes to 592,000.

A resolution was carried, protesting against the inadequacy of the war pensions and demanding a more liberal scale. Delegates cited many cases of hardship.

The French Socialist Deputations declared that the nations wanted a real durable peace leaving nothing to cause future hatred.

THE LAW COURTS.

A TRANSACTION IN ANTIMONY
ORE.

In the Supreme Court this morning before Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, J. J. Lysaught, of 2, Hotel Mansions, Hongkong, and Lai Kan, of 20, Water Street, for \$1,000 money lent and costs of the action.

Mr. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Heywood for the defendant.

Before opening the case Mr. Gardiner asked his Lordship for permission to amend the claim.

His Lordship asked Mr. Heywood if he had any objection.

Mr. Heywood replied: I have no objection my Lord provided I am paid the costs of the amendment.

His Lordship said that there would be no costs for an amendment, but he would infer the evidence first and then, if necessary, adjourn the case for the purpose of amendment of the claim and allow defendant costs of the adjournment.

Mr. Gardiner opening the case said that in the latter part of last March defendant brought some samples of antimony ore to a Mr. G. F. Starkley, who is plaintiff in another action connected with this case, stating that he could procure this ore at \$7 or \$8 per picul. The plaintiff said, "All right; I have a

friend who will advance you the money and you can purchase the ore." On the 10th March defendant saw Mr. Lysaught at his house. Mr. Lysaught said defendant would go to the King Edward Hotel on the 13th March he would advance \$1,000 to purchase as much ore as possible for that amount. Defendant went to the hotel and obtained the money, giving a receipt for it. Afterwards, defendant went to Canton to procure the ore, but returned later saying that he had bought \$1,000 worth, but it was not sufficient to fill a junk. Defendant suggested that in order to save wastage in freight more ore should be bought to fill the junk. Another \$1,000 was advanced on the 29th March by Mr. Lysaught. The ore was to be brought from Suluwan to Canton where it was to be stored. The defendant went away again and subsequently returned to Hongkong and gave plaintiff an address in Canton where he (plaintiff) could get delivery of the ore. Plaintiff went to Canton and applied at the address for the ore, but found none there, excepting a small quantity in somebody else's name. Defendant again returned to Hongkong and gave plaintiff an address in Canton where he (plaintiff) could get delivery of the ore. Plaintiff went to Canton and applied at the address for the ore, but found none there, excepting a small quantity in somebody else's name. Defendant again returned to Hongkong and gave plaintiff a letter authorising delivery of the ore, but no one could be found. After this the plaintiff asked for his money or the ore, and the defendant said he had sold the ore at much less than he gave for it and offered to pay back the money, but did not do so.

Mr. Lysaught then went into the witness box and gave evidence as to lending the money and his inability to obtain delivery of the ore.

The case was adjourned.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION
OF OPIUM.

A Chinese woman, charged with having in her possession five taels of prepared opium other than Government opium, was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

A female searcher discovered the opium concealed on the defendant's person at the Kowloon Railway Station.

Evidence was heard and the case remanded until to-morrow.

STREET GAMBLING.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, Inspector Taylor (P) charged a licensed hawk with street gambling in Queen's Road West.

It appeared that the defendant was operating a "chance board" and soliciting school children as players.

His Worship imposed a fine of 85 and ordered that \$1.50, found in defendant's possession, be confiscated.

THE BANDMAN COMPANY AND
MAN POWER.

AN ACTOR'S DEATH.

An Ipoh telegram to Kuala Lumpur on February 16th stated:

A body of a European found on the railway line at Jelore Babru last night is presumably that of Mr. J. Harper, a member of the Bandman Opera Company, who was said to be missing from the train.

It appears that Mr. Harper, who was exempted from military service on account of wounds received in the Box War, was mentally affected by recent criticisms in Singapore regarding the Bandman Company and man power.

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SOCIETE DU GRAND HOTEL DE
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of new shares and to authorize the issue of a series of 100 shares.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

CHARGE AGAINST A SHIP'S
OFFICER.

The remanded case in which William James Cooper, Second Officer of the s.s. Phenomenal, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 20th of February in Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei, was concluded this morning before Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

Several constables were called to give evidence as to whether or not the defendant was intoxicated at the time of his arrest and when cross-examined by Mr. Goldring, solicitor for the defence, Sergeant Tulloch, who was prosecuting, denied using more force than absolutely necessary to arrest the defendant.

The defendant then entered the witness box and deposed that on February 20th, at about 4 p.m., he came ashore and went to the Engineers Institute where he had three or four drinks and played a game of billiards. He then engaged a rickshaw to take him home and arriving at his residence paid the rickshaw coolie ten cents, his legal fare. The coolie, however, was not satisfied with the amount received and began to curse and swear in Chinese. The defendant took the cushion from the rickshaw and told the coolie to fetch a policeman. He then entered his house and taking off his outer garments lay down on his bed. A few minutes later his amah came to him and announced the arrival of a constable. He arose and went to the door with the cushion in his hand. At the door he was met by Sergeant Tulloch whom he informed that he had sent for a policeman in order to complain against the rickshaw coolie. The Sergeant seized the defendant by the neck and threw him from the steps into the gutter. He was then severely knocked about and, although dressed only in a pair of trousers and a singlet, dragged to the Police Station. Arriving at the Station the defendant, not knowing that he should stand in the centre of the charge room, walked up to the desk rail. The Sergeant then struck him on the side of the head, knocking him into a corner. The defendant asked that his wife be notified of his arrest but his request was ignored. His wife, however, had returned home and been informed of what had occurred by the amah. She hurried to the Police Station to verify the servant's story and then got Mr. Hill of the C.P.R. to bail the defendant out.

The Sergeant suggested that in order to save wastage in freight more ore should be bought to fill the junk.

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YON GWINNER'S FEARS.

Mr. D. T. Curtin, the American author
of an illuminating series of articles on
conditions recently, prevailing in Ger-
many, is the author of the following
article:

The majority of Germans of all classes,
believe what they are officially instructed
to believe, no more, no less. The
over-moderating self-hypnotism which
leads the present day German to believe
that black is white, if it adds to his
self-satisfaction is one of the most startling
phenomena in history. But what of
Baltin, Heineken, von Gwinner, Gut-
mann, Thyssen, Rathenau, and other
captains of industry and finance? Some
of them have expressed opinions in in-
terviews, but what do they really think?
I am not going to indulge in any guess-
work on this matter. I am simply going
to disclose some important statements
made at a secret meeting attended by
many of the business directors of the
German Empire. The meeting was for
the purpose of discussing actual condi-
tions in a straight-forward manner,
therefore no member of the Press, Ger-
man or foreign, was present.

In striking contrast with custom when
the war is discussed, nothing was said of
Kultur, of German innocence or enemy
guilt, of an early and victorious peace, of
British warships hiding always in safety,
or of the omniscience and infallibility of
the Supreme Military Command.

DISPELLING ILLUSIONS.

The little circle of Germans who have
displayed such brilliant organizing
ability in commerce and industry are

practical men, who look at the war and
the days to follow the war in the cold
light of debit and credit. This being the
case, the honest opinions expressed by
Arthur von Gwinner, President of
the Deutsche Bank, are worthy of serious
consideration. His chief points were:-
1. The belief cherished by the mass
of the nation that a Central Europe
Economic Alliance will amply compen-
sate us for any shortcomings elsewhere
and enable us to sit back and swap our
fingers at the rest of the world is too
absurd to be entertained by serious men.
Our trade, import and export, with Aus-
tria-Hungary was as great as it could be
for many years to come, and it was only
a small part of our total trade. After
the war, as before, the bulk of our trade
must be with countries now neutral or
enemy, and we must seriously consider
how to hold and add to this trade in the
future.

2. The solution of the labour problem
will be vital in the work of reconstruction.
We must make every provision in
order to forge rapidly ahead immediately
after the close of the war.

No German, except for necessary rea-
sons of State, should be allowed to leave
the country for a number of years after
the war.

3. Before the war 2,000,000 Russians
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Staff Inspectors McEwen, Mackenzie and Arnull, Crown Sergeant Wilks and Ford and Sergeant Goodwin will attend for Range duties. All ranks will make their owniffin arrangements.

EXAMINATION OF RIFLES.
All Winchesters are to be returned to Armoury on Tuesday, March 13th between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

PARADES, etc.
Monday, March 13th.—All Recruits except No. 2 Company.

Tuesday, March 14th.—No. 2 Company Recruits Platoon.

Wednesday, March 15th.—All Recruits except No. 2 Company.

Friday, March 16th.—No. 2 Company Recruits Platoon.

Practice—Wednesday, March 14th, at 6 p.m.

STRENGTH.
Crown Sergeant B. James Wong is permitted to revert to the ranks.

(Sgt.) F. C. JENKIN,
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PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

March 8.

Per *Tempo Maru*, for San Francisco, etc., Rev. and Mrs. W. Ashmore, Miss B. Aloon, Mrs. A. Baxter, Mr. A. Blumenthal, Mr. A. L. Best, Mr. J. W. Bolles, Mrs. E. T. Biggin, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barkley, Capt. C. B. Beardsley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Bechteler, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Blos, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bishop and infant, Mrs. S. Brage, Mrs. L. C. Crenshaw, Mr. P. C. Chen, Mr. F. Coleman (Mr.), Miss E. L. Clapp, Miss M. Davyport, Mrs. G. L. Doten, Mrs. W. L. Davis, Mrs. M. G. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Eisenberg, Miss E. Eisenberg, Miss L. Eisenberg, Mr. I. T. Ezra, Miss F. T. Ezra, Miss R. Elliott, Miss G. French, Mrs. L. R. Fley, Mrs. G. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Garland, Mrs. M. Gart, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gutiérrez, Mr. J. A. Gardner, Rev. A. L. Gould, Mrs. G. A. Goodell, Mrs. and Mr. Graves, Miss Blanche Hall, Mr. T. P. Huang, Mr. C. P. Han, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hambrotham, Mr. E. M. Hayim, Mr. H. M. Hooper, Miss M. A. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Happ, Miss V. Haber, Mr. C. H. 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